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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

The demand for barreled apples was somewhat improved but was only slow to moderate for the various varieties of boxed apples on the Liverpool auction Monday, December 30, according to a cable received in the Foreign Service, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, from Mr. F. A. Motz, the Department of Agriculture's fruit specialist in Europe. Prices were still lower on an average than those reported December 18. This is to be expected as the market is usually sluggish during the Christmas holidays. Both boxed and barreled apple supplies were light and the fruit was in generally good condition except Washington Jonathans, a great many of which were poorly colored and in unsound condition.

Barreled apple supplies (from the United States) were extremely light in London this week. Unclassified 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch Albermarle Pippin made \$7.30 to \$8.75 per barrel. Extra Fancy Winesaps from the Pacific Northwest sold at from \$2.19 to \$2.43 per box, somewhat below the price received in Liverpool.

Mr. Motz reports that the supply of English apples is diminishing and that the demand should show some improvement at higher prices, however fancy prices are not expected. Canadian apple exports so far this season to the United Kingdom and the provinces are about equal to the total apple exports of last season. Deciduous fruit shipments from South Africa so far this season amount to 116,000 cases compared with 35,000 boxes in the same period last year. The shipments of plums and peaches have been especially heavy. Shipments of pears are expected to be heavy next week. More competition may be expected this year than last with deciduous and citrus fruits. New Zealand reports excellent prospects for the apple and pear crops with increased exports anticipated. This will mean more competition for American cold storage apples during the last few weeks of the present season.

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Price paid for American fruit on the Liverpool auction

Variety, grade and origin	Price			
	1929			
	Jan 2	Dec 18	Dec 30	
<u>APPLES</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
York Imperial, Virginia:				
U.S. No.1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		6.33-6.81	6.33-6.81	6.08-6.57
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		5.96-6.08	5.84-6.33	5.60-6.08
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		a/5.11-5.72	4.87-5.35	4.38-4.87
	<u>BOXES</u>			
Winesap, Washington:				
Extra fancy 150/163/175.....		2.74-2.92	2.98-3.16	2.43-2.68
Extra fancy 188/smaller.....		2.49-2.68	2.68-2.92	1.95-2.68
Delicious, Washington:				
Extra fancy 150/163/175.....	b/	2.92	---	3.16
Extra fancy 188/smaller.....	b/	2.74	---	2.92
Fancy 150/163/175.....	b/	2.55-2.62	---	2.80-2.86
Fancy 188/smaller.....	b/	2.43-2.49	---	2.55-2.68
Newtown, Washington:				
Extra fancy 150/163/175.....		---	3.89-4.14	4.01
Extra fancy 188/smaller.....		---	3.65-3.89	3.65
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Rome Beauty, Washington:				
Extra fancy 150/163/175.....		2.68	---	2.92
Extra fancy 188/smaller.....		---	---	2.49-2.62
Fancy 150/163/175.....		2.55	---	2.62
Fancy 188/smaller.....		---	---	2.43
Newtown, Oregon:				
Extra fancy 150/163/175.....		2.92-3.28	4.26-4.38	3.95-4.08
Extra fancy 188/smaller.....		2.80	3.77-4.01	3.65-3.83
Fancy 188/smaller.....		2.55	3.65-4.01	3.65-3.77
Spitzenburg, Oregon:				
Extra fancy 150/163/175.....		2.68	---	2.80-2.92
Extra fancy 188/smaller.....		2.55	---	2.37-2.63
Fancy 188/smaller.....		2.43	---	2.43-2.68
Delicious, Oregon:				
Fancy 188/smaller.....		2.43-2.49	3.04-3.26	2.37-2.49

Note: All quotations for good condition fruit unless otherwise noted.

a/ Fair condition.

b/ Oregon.